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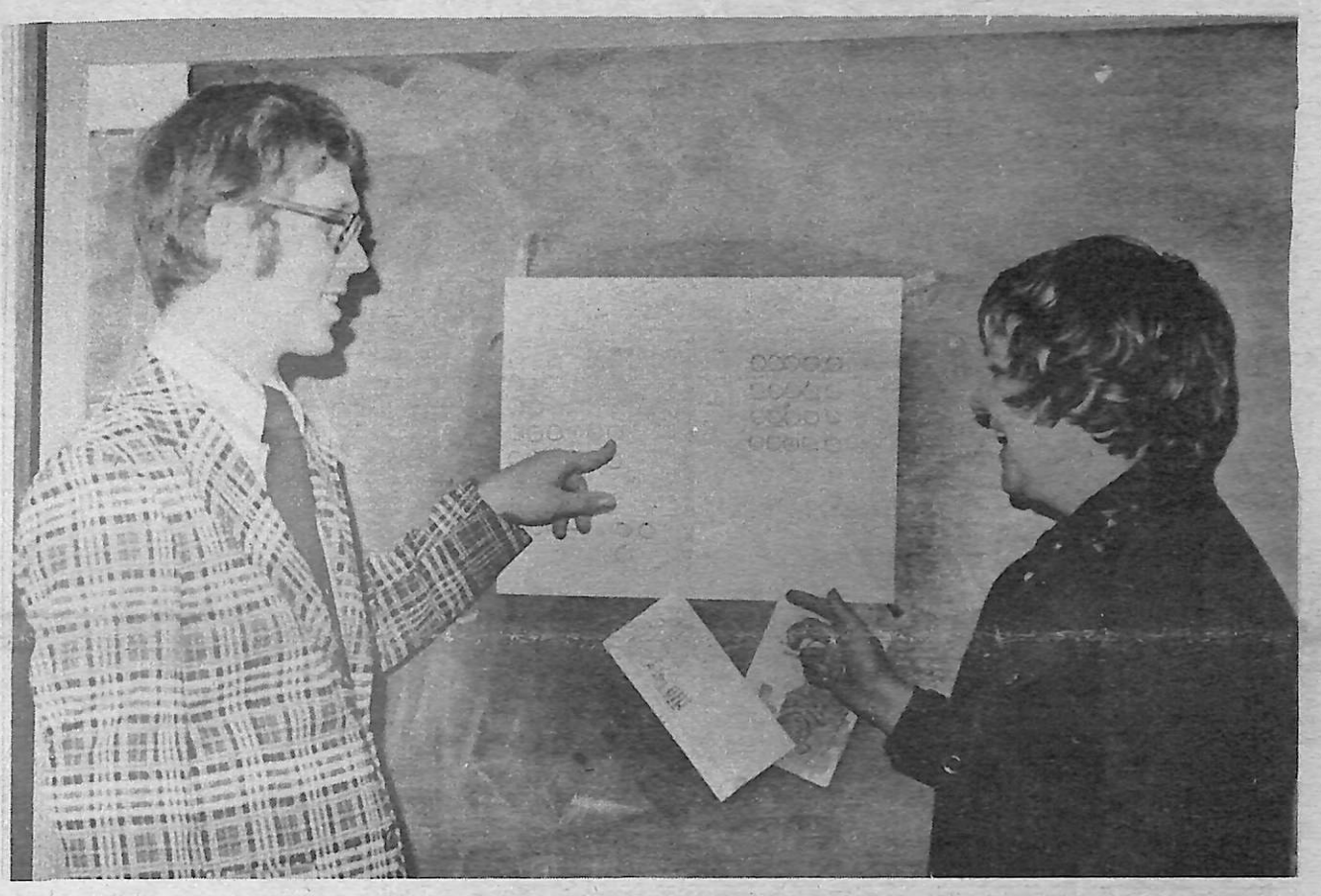
Bicentennial Arts, Crafts Festival Draws 100 Entries



Harry Camyre, treasurer of Agawam Bicentennial Commission, discusses seating arrangements for the Bicentennial Ball with Marcia Albano, chairman of the Bicentennial Ball committee. The Agawam Bicentennial Commission is sponsoring the event. The ball, with an eighteenth century theme, will be held October 11 at Chez Josef.

The Agawam Bicentennial Arts and Crafts Festival will be held on Saturday, May 31 and Sunday, June 1. Rain date is June 7-8. Committee Chairperson, Dale Melanson said that 100 artists and craftsmen have entered as of this date. Each artist and craftsman entering the show will receive a Bicentennial participation award.

Committee members are: Dale Melanson and Andrea Burton, chairpeople; Richard Scortino, display areas; Joann Hornyak, registration tables; Fran Milliken, posters; Geraldine Schilling, school displays; and Jean Moirano, publicity and mailing.

Visitors to the festival will have the opportunity to see the work of Richard Stevens. He is a self taught water colorist, self employed, and a professional illustrator, with over 200 of his water colors displayed on greeting cards and calendars nationally. His work can be found in seven different museums in the country. He is represented in private and corporate collections in the United States, Canada, England, France, Australia, and Japan. He is president of the Academic Artists Association and a member of various art leagues.

The work of Fay Wood will be on display. She is a Springfield artist with studios on Forest Park Ave. She attended Mass. Art in Boston, studied in New York at the Traphagen School of Design, and has shown at Stage West, and the Springfield Art League National Show. She is the recipient of many awards.

Leslie Smith, a North Attleboro resident, and member of the Boston Watercolor Society, will also have his work on display. He was accepted in the American Water Color Society annual show and won a 1974 award. Art Magazine cited this entry as one of the best contemporary watercolors. Recent shows have been at the Attleboro Museum and Brown University. His water color of "Milk Cans," won best in show, at the 1974 West Springfield Outdoor Exhibit. Smith's gallery and studio is located in North Attleboro, Mass.

Entry forms for the festival are still available, and may be obtained by contacting Dale Melanson or Andrea Burton, P.O. Box 1776, Agawam.

Plans For Bicentennial Ball Announced

The Agawam Bicentennial Ball will be held Saturday, October 11, at Chez Josef. The social hour will begin at 6:30 p.m., with a sit down dinner served at 8 p.m. Music for the evening will be provided by Paul Landerman and his orchestra. Dress for the evening will be informal and those wishing to wear costumes of historical significance are encouraged to do so.

The menu for the "Birth of a Nation" celebration will include: Independence Toast, Assorted Tyrannical Relishes, Yankee Doodle Ambrosia, Patriots Salad with Italian Musket or Rushing British Dressing, Tory's Heavy Prime Rib, Heritage Baked Potato (Fife and Drum Dressing), Lexington Green Beans with Concord Mushrooms, Rebels Rolls, Minute Man Butter, Sillabub Strawberry Ice Cream Pie, Taxation Tea, Representation Coffee, Commoners Sanka and Sons of Liberty Milk.

Committee members are: Marcia Albano, chairperson; Harry Camyre, co-chairperson; Ann Hall, hostesses; Jan Wright, program; Carol Treganowan, posters; Ruth Zucco, patrons and sponsors; Jean Moirano; invitations and publicity.

Ticket Chairperson, Mrs. Marcia Albano has announced that tickets will be on sale at Westfield Savings Bank, Main St. Date and time of ticket office opening will be announced at a later date. The first two days of ticket sales will be reserved for patrons and sponsors.

Chairperson for patrons and sponsors is Ruth Zucco. Interested residents may contact Mrs. Zucco at 73 Kanawha Ave., Agawam.

DeForge Announces Sale Of Bicentennial Passports

Postmaster Robert R. DeForge has announced that Bicentennial Philatelic Passports are on sale at the Agawam post office. The passports are priced at two dollars.

DeForge said the passports are of special interest to persons wishing to keep a record of their visits to selected sites during the Bicentennial year.

The Agawam postmaster noted that the passports show selected Heritage Sites in all states from Maine to Georgia.

Bicentennial Tennis Tournament

A Bicentennial women's, men's, and mixed doubles tennis tournament will be held in Agawam on May 24, 25, and 26. Paul Revere Bicentennial bowls, 1776 pewter plates, and serving trays will be presented to winners and runner ups. A special consolation tournament for first round losers will also be held.

This event is one of many events under the auspices of the Agawam Bicentennial committee. The tournament is open to anyone. However, because of the limited courts in Agawam, only 16 entries will be accepted in each category. Entry blanks may be picked up at the Agawam Park and Recreation office or at the Springfield YMCA Youth Service office. Entries will also be accepted from anyone who fills out an entry blank or sends their name, telephone number and a check for six dollars to Steve Russell, YMCA Youth Office, 275 Chestnut St., Springfield, Ma. 01104.

Anyone wishing more information may contact the following members of the committee: Rudy Altobelli, Jack Brennan, Renee Thomas, Irene Thomas, Steve Russell, and Holly Kinnell.

All proceeds will be used for a scholarship fund for the Agawam YMCA Day Camps. The tourney will begin Saturday, May 24 at 9 a.m. at the Agawam High School tennis courts. Courts, for each category, will be assigned on the morning of the tournament.

Entry blank for the tournament is on page of this week's Agawam Citizen.

Phelps Students Make Bicentennial Banner

Fourth graders at Phelps School recently completed a Bicentennial banner under the direction of Mrs. Vivian Roberts, a teacher at the school.

The banner, made of red, white and blue burlap, was designed by the students.

The students were each given blocks of burlap to be embroidered with white yarn. The individual blocks were put together for the banner.

The project began after the students studied the Revolutionary War Period and relived the battles of Lexington and Concord through their readings in text books and newspapers.

The children completed a successful project and contributed to the Bicentennial activities in the community.

EDITORIAL

A Choice And A Dream

"We are the music makers,
And we are the dreamers of dreams. . .
Yet we are the movers and shakers
Of the world forever, it seems.

We in the ages lying,
In the buried past of the earth,
Built Nineveh with our sighing,
And Babel itself in our mirth;
And o'erthrew them with prophesying
To the old of the new world's worth;
For each age is a dream that is dying,
Or one that is coming to birth."

In order to illustrate our point this week — which has to do with the picture story on the Feeding Hills Library published in the May 1 edition of this newspaper—we went 'way back to O'Shaughnessy, remembered from our childhood, when we, too, dreamed dreams, and longed to shake the world.

It may well be that we are in an age when a dream is dying and another is coming to birth. Certainly some of the values of our ancestors, embedded in fear and ignorance, grim religious fervor and rigid disciplines, have suffered a setback.

This may seem like a long way around to a look at the public library facilities in Agawam, but we cannot help but see entirely new factors at play in assessing what belongs on the priority list for community needs.

Some of us still dream our dreams. Often we have a thought about nightmares when we remember that more than half of our population does not read above the fifth grade level.

Maybe we didn't shake the world with our picture editorial on the Feeding Hills library . . . but we caused a few tremors in Agawam, if response to our picture story is a yardstick for measurement.

We are appalled at the number of people in this town who expressed shock and disbelief upon seeing the pictures showing the deterioration and unsafe conditions that exist at the Feeding Hills library.

The recent history of public library facilities in this town is an appalling set of statistics that spans more than ten years of inaction by town government.

We believe the people in this town deserve better. Certainly that dedicated group of people on the Board of Library Trustees deserve better.

The Town Manager and members of the Town Council need to put their heads together — and hopefully, their hearts — and come up with a definite plan to provide, not only the residents of the Feeding Hills area, but all residents in the town with adequate library facilities.

There are some other heads in town — with something in them — and maybe it is a dream that is coming to birth.

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Steve Russell, Holly Kinnell, Jack Brennan and Rudy Altobelli, members of the tennis tournament committee go over plans for the Bicentennial tennis tournament to be held on May 24, 25 and 26 at the high school tennis courts. Photo by Bill Keogh.

American Institute Of Banking Holds 50th Annual Banquet

Left to right, Alfred J. Dorval, first vice president; Russell J. McNiff, president; Harry J. Camyre, second vice president and banquet chairman Russell E. Rosenberger, National president.

The Springfield Chapter of the American Institute of Banking held its 50th annual banquet and dance recently at the Sheraton West in West Springfield.

National officers attending the banquet were Russell E. Rosenberger, president and Earl B. Bloodworth, vice president.

Officers of the Springfield Chapter in attendance were Russell J. McNiff, Holyoke National Bank, president; Alfred J. Dorval, Valley Bank and Trust Co., first vice president; Harry J. Camyre, Westfield Savings Bank, second vice president; Edward Procon Jr., Northampton National Bank, treasurer; and Robert White, Third National Bank, assistant treasurer.

Also in attendance was Robert R. Emerson. Mr. Emerson was the Springfield Chapter's first president fifty years ago.

More than 200 area bankers attended the banquet. Thirteen members received certificates.

Harry J. Camyre was chairman of the banquet.

STOP DRIVING If You Are Drinking

School Lunches

Monday, May 19: Cup of juice, pizza with cheese and tomato sauce, tossed salad with spinach greens and dressing, ½ peanut butter sandwich for seconds, chilled fruit cup, milk.

Tuesday, May 20: Cup of juice, hamburg on roll, mustard, ketchup, onion, cheese wedge, buttered beets, school baked cake with butter icing, milk.

Wednesday, May 21: Oven Roasted chicken, mashed potatoes, buttered green peas, wheat bread and butter, cranberry sauce, dessert, milk.

Thursday, May 22: Cup of juice, steamed frankfort on roll, cheese sticks, oven baked beans, buttered carrots, mustard, and relish, chocolate pudding with topping, milk.

Friday, May 23: Cup of juice, spaghetti with meat and cheese sauce, cabbage and carrot salad, Italian bread and butter, applesauce, milk.

News In The Third

REP. EDWARD W. CONNELLY — Third Hampden District

Constitutional Convention

Any amendment to the state constitution must be approved by a joint session of both houses of the legislature sitting in constitutional convention. Each item must be approved by two different legislatures, so an item passed for the first time this year would have to wait for its next shot until the next legislature is elected and sitting in 1977.

After an item is approved twice it then goes on the ballot for final approval by the voters.

This Wednesday two of many items got their initial approval. The process will continue next Wednesday.

One was the graduated income tax, which was approved by a 229-41 vote. This has been through the process before, but has always been defeated, after legislative approval, by the voters.

The other item was an anti-busing amendment, which unless and until a similar amendment is adopted at the federal level, will have no legal effect whatsoever. This symbolic gesture was accepted by a vote of 186-82.

Public Power Authority

On a roll call vote of 179-46, the House defeated an initiative petition filed by Congressman Michael Harrington and others which would create a public power authority.

The long range plan for the authority would be to take over all the generating and sale of electricity in Massachusetts. Its proponents claim an annual saving of $92 million by 1985 because of the state's ability to finance new power plants at lower rates.

The prevailing majority view was that a huge state monopoly would fritter away any potential savings through the bureaucratic waste for which state government is famous, and that it would be apt to be unresponsive to community needs, a criticism being leveled at existing state authorities.

Legislative defeat is a major setback for the petition, but it can still be placed on the ballot by the collection of 9200 more signatures.

Gay Rights

The House passed a bill banning discrimination against homo-sexuals in hiring for state and local governmental jobs.

Much of the controversy centered around an amendment that removed a section of the bill that would have likewise prohibited firing of homosexuals for reason of their sexual preference.

Proponents of the amendment claimed that the section of the bill would have made it more difficult for supervisors to fire employees for offensive sexual advances or language.

The amendments opponents claimed that such actions would continue to be valid reasons for dismissal, no matter what the employee's sexual preference.

The bill passed with the amendment.

High School Band Takes Two Firsts At Festival

By RIC SARDELLA

The Agawam High School band and color guard captured first place trophies in concert band and street parade competitton completing a successful weekend at the Ridgewood Festival of Music in Ridgewood New Jersey.

The three day trip which began Friday morning, May 9 opened with a short visit to Lincoln Center in New York. The band then proceeded to the Music Festival.

Over the three day span, a total of twenty bands from a number of eastern seaboard states took part in concert, parade and field competition.

Bands attending the festival were placed in class A or B groups. The placement was determined by the total number of members representing each band.

Competing in Class B, Agawam's Marching Mohawks won a first place trophy in concert band competition on Saturday, May 10. Each band played two selections.

The band received 85.5 points out of a possible 100 points during that part of the festival's activities.

Agawam's next trophy was awarded in the street parade competition. The band checked in with an 80.25 performance.

"We were surprised to win two firsts, especially in the concert band competition. We have a good general appearance and that helped. It was the nicest parade job we ever did," Darcy Davis said.

On Sunday, May 10 the band and color guard participated in the Salute to Israel Parade on Fifty Avenue in New York. The Marching Mohawks returned to Agawam late Sunday evening.

Agawam Business Association Board of Directors

Members of the Board of Directors of the Agawam Business Association are, left to right; Joe Napolitan, Bernard Campbell, Charles Campbell, John Rosati, Carlo Bonavita, Norman McMahon, Joe Ferrari and Jerry Zerra. Other board members are Rene Thomas, Peter Longo and Bill Mulcahy. The association's next meeting will be held on Monday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Anne's Country Club.

DeForge Announces Mailbox Improvement Week

The week of May 19-24 has been designated as Mailbox Improvement Week.

Postmaster Robert R. DeForge said, "Postal regulations state your house number must be inscribed on your letter box." We would prefer both your name and house number on the box. This must be shown on the side of the box visible to the carrier as he approaches. This postal regulation enables our employees to give your mail the best possible protection. If this regulation is neglected, you could have your mail held at the post office."

The Agawam Postmaster said the U.S. Postal Services purpose is to call attention to the need for providing mail receptacles which are designed to protect the mail from the weather, are neat in appearance, conveniently located and safe to use.

The boxes should be installed with the bottom of the box between three and a half to four feet from the roadway, and approximately 48 inches from ground level.

Mailboxes and their supports should be kept painted and free from rust at all times.

"Customers previous support of the U.S. Postal Service's Mail Improvement Week has been very commendable and the department appreciates the efforts of those who have taken the time to maintain their mailboxes in a neat and orderly manner." DeForge said.

Heritage Hall Observes 'Nursing Home Week'

On Saturday, May 17, the residents of all the Heritage Hall homes will conduct a Springtime Bazaar. The residents from North, South and West buildings have been busily working toward the event since the beginning of the year.

There will be handcrafts, plants, ceramics, white elephant and baked goods tables and a snack bar. All tables will be manned by the residents assisted by the Activities and Occupational Therapy Departments.

This event, part of state and nation-wide functions observing "Nursing Home Week", will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. representing efforts from all three homes. It will be held on the grounds of Heritage Hall, North 55 Cooper Street. Members of the Community should feel free to observe these products of how our residents spend their time and to visit our facilities. In case of rain, it will be conducted on the first floor, North building.

Pierce School P.T.A. To Honor Fourth Graders

The 21st annual "Pierce School Fourth Graders Night" will be held on May 21 at Pierce School in the cafetorium at 7:30 p.m. The annual event honors fourth graders who will be leaving Pierce School in June.

The fourth graders will entertain their parents with a special program commemorating the Bicentennial anniversary. The program will consist of a calvacade of events in the nation's history entitled "America, In Words and Music", an original production created and directed by Vincent Valentine, fourth grade teacher at Pierce School.

Following the concert the students will be the guests of honor of the evening and will be entertained by "Mr. Magic", well-known magician in this area. Refreshments will be served to students and parents following the magician's performance.

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Losito Topples League High Jump Mark

Phil Losito, the Brownies outstanding junior highjumper, shows the form which enabled him to break the Valley Wheel highjump mark. Losito hit a 6-4 effort against Longmeadow Thursday, May 8. Photo by Bill Keogh.

Agawam's outstanding junior highjumper Phil Losito hit a spectacular 6'-4" effort breaking the leagues record by more than three and a half inches set in the 1971 Valley Wheel Tournament.

Key Encounter

Despite Losito's record breaking antics Longmeadow overpowered the visiting Brownies 84-61 Thursday May 8. The meet was a key encounter for both clubs.

Brownie Head Coach Joe Modzelewski stopped Losito at 6-4 because of Phil's running event, the two mile was about to get underway.

"The way Phil was jumping he could have reached 6-6 or 6-7" a very proud Modzelewski remarked. "Phil was really flying. Amazingly, Losito didn't miss a jump until he reached the 6-3 mark.

Triple Win

Besides winning the highjump, Losito also capped top honors in the two mile (10:46) and in the triple jump (38-7½) where he already set a school record two weeks ago.

Also having an outstanding day in Brownie track shoes was senior Matty Mason. Mason clamped down three firsts (lowhurdles, pole vault and 100 yard dash) during the course of competition.

Mason's best showing came in the lowhurdles where his solid clocking of 21.7 seconds helped him unseat the Valley Wheel's top lowhurdle in John Pezza. Mason and Pezza will have a second showdown May 24 at Wheel Tournament in Agawam.

Easy Win

Junior speedster Dale McCarl easily took the 220 with a 23.1 second timing. McCarl has yet to lose his event in league races this spring.

Richie Synder leaped an 18-6¼ jump in the longjump for a 5 pointer and also came through with a down to the wire win in the 440 yard dash (54.8) in another stellar Brownie performance.

Although Agawam outgunned the hosts 10-7 in first place finishes, the Lancers blasted the Brownies 13-2 in seconds and held a 10-5 edge in third places. Longmeadow weightman also shot down Agawam musclemen by an easy 24-3 cushion.

Depth Hurt

"It was a case where depth hurt us," Modzelewski bemoaned. "The kids gave it their best and that's all I can ask of them."

A couple of unfortunate breaks also hampered Modzelewski and Assistant Coach Gus Young's troops. Sophomore Dom Pisano was beaten for a second in the 100 yard dash by a hair and then Pisano fouled in the discus on a toss which would have given him a first.

"Our strategy to double Richie Synder in the 440 and 880 was a little to much for him," Modzelewski explained. "Richie put out a great effort to win the 440".

Byrne Does Well

Junior Paul Byrne hit for a second in the olevault (10-6) and a third in the long jump (18-5½) to complete Brownie scoring.

One final Agawam trackster to note is junior Tom Guineri who pole vaulted 10 feet to complement Mason and Byrne for a Brownie Sweep.

NOTES: The Brownies stand a 5-4 overall and 2-2 in league competition. Schedule of this week included a meet with defending league champ East Longmeadow May 12 and South Hadley May 15 in South Hadley.

Brownies, Spartans Deadlock In 13 Inning Marathon

Brownie Head Coach Gerry Smith called it "nerveracking". Fans and players on both sides of the diamond were just shaking their heads in disbelief.

After four and a half hours and thirteen innings of suicide squeeze's, errors, hot controversy and everything else including the kitchen sink, defending Valley Wheel co-champions Agawam and East Longmeadow left Harmon Smith Field at 1-1 stalemate keeping the Brownies in sole possession of second place in the red hot Wheel race.

First Attendant

Brownie ace hurler Tommy Quinn (who must have been the whirlpools first attendant following the game) went the distance in battling EL starter Bill Farrell for ten and one-third frames followed by a pair of Spartan relievers to inning number thirteen.

After seven scoreless boxes — where both squads had their chances to forge ahead, the six extra innings is where the real fun started.

Agawam stranded two in the eighth and three more were left homeless in the ninth keeping the goose egg string alive.

Break Open

East Longmeadow's tenth started with a Brownie error, and five batters later the Spartans had the struggle's first tally as Quinn hit a batter with the bases loaded and two out.

Third baseman Rick Mastrioanni singled up the middle to open up the bottom of the tenth inning. Mastrioanni stole second and moved over to third on a Jeff Carmody ground out to second.

Forsman Comes Through

Smith went to his bench and found senior outfielder Greg Forsman ready for pinch hitting duties. Forsman quickly grabbed the heros halo with a picture perfect safety squeeze scoring Mastrioanni.

Following a scoreless eleventh frame, Agawam had a golden opportunity in the twelfth with bases loaded and none out, however Spartan reliever Beaver Steitz struck out Quinn, Mastrioanni and Carmody in order moving the game into the final thirteenth frame, which also went without a run.

"We had the opportunities," Smith remarked. "We just couldn't capitalize on them. There's no doubt this year's ballclub is an exciting one," the Brownie mentor added.

For Record

For the record, Quinn whiffed seventeen and allowed four hits in another fine effort.

The Brownies began the week as flat as a pancake taking a 7-0 pounding from Ludlow May 5 in Ludlow.

Quinn hurled a four hit 7-3 victory over Minnechaug the next afternoon at Harmon Smith Field. Sophomore Gary Nolin's two run triple in the second got the locals on their way.

Davilli Shines

Finally, on Wednesday, May 7 senior Marty Davilli tossed four and one-third of excellent relief ball to help guide Agawam to a 6-5 tenth inning verdict over Longmeadow at home.

Jeff Carmody squeezed Tommy Quinn home for the game breaking tally. For Davilli it was his initial victory of the year.

Girls Overtake Lancers

Sophomore Martha Vanoss raced home with the winning run in the bottom of the eighth giving the girls varsity an exciting 7-6 comeback victory over Longmeadow Friday, May 9 at the Agawam Junior High School.

Down By Six

The Brownies were down by a 6-1 count going into the bottom of the seventh, with two outs, and Martha May the lone base runner.

Junior Janice Reutt poked a single driving in May. Cheryl St. Germain quickly followed with a base knock moving Reutt to third.

Peg LeClair, a sophomore who has seen limited action this spring, belted a clutch double driving both Reutt and St. Germain home. LeClair's two bagger pushed the locals to within 6-4.

Enter Mercadante

Senior Jane Benerakis kept the rally alive by a base hit putting LeClair on third. A walk to pitcher Rhonda LaValle loaded the bases. Diane Mercadante then smashed a dramatic double to right centerfield scoring LeClair and Benerakis to achieve the 6-6 deadlock.

The fastballing LaValle had an easy time setting down Longmeadow in the eighth. Brownie sophomore Martha Vanoss reached first on an infield error opening the locals half of the eighth grame.

Mental Mistake

Vanoss stole second and then was moved over to third on a passed ball. Vanoss tallied the winning run when Linda Pisano's hot ground ball to the shortstop was mistakenly played to first base instead of home plate.

The mental miscue by the Lancers gave Vanoss all the time she needed to score giving *Agawam the ball* game. The Brownies victory also lifted them into a second place tie with Minnechaug. Both the Falcons and Brownie nines are at a 4-2 league clip.

NOTES: Agawam bested East Longmeadow 11-5 Tuesday, May 6 and outslugged Classical 14-11 on Wednesday, May 7. The girls lone setback last week came against South Hadley on Monday, May 8 by a 9-6 margin. The Brownies al record as of May 12 stands at 5-6. A 10-7 mark is needed by the girls to qualify for the Western Mass. tournament later this month.

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Robert Doering Speaks At First Girls Sports Banquet

Agawam School Committee Chairperson Robert Doering was guest speaker at the first annual girls sports banquet Friday, May 9. The banquet was held at the high school cafeteria. Photo by Bill Keogh.

JV Nine Valley Wheel Frontrunners

Under the guidance of Coach Joe Fitzgerald, Agawam's junior varsity baseball contingent have ripped off six consecutive Valley Wheel victories to hold down first place as of May 11.

Sweep The Week

The JV's swept a four game league stand last week beginning with a 6-2 decision over Ludlow on Monday, May 5 followed by a tight 2-1 verdict over previously undefeated Minnechaug the next afternoon, Tuesday, May 6.

Fitzgerald's charges completed the week with a pair of lop-sided wins over Longmeadow Wednesday, May 7 and East Longmeadow Friday, May 9 by 13-4 and 14-6 margins.

"The team in general has gained a lot more confidence," Fitzgerald remarked. "We started out slow but the kids now know they are the team to beat."

Overall, the Brownies have rattled off eight decisions in their last nine outings to stand at 8-4 in total games played. Agawam had dropped the opening three contests of the campaign.

Finast Effort

Agawam's 2-1 victory over a talented and unbeaten Minnechaug nine May 6 rates as their finast effort of the season.

Sophomore righty Steve Mercandante, who is probably the JV's top starter picked up the win for the Brownies. Mercandante tossed a solid effort in his best spring outing.

Leading the club in the hitting department throughout the year with close to a .500 average has been John Girard, a good looking sophomore receiver.

Outfielder Rolland Brouillard also has displayed a strong stick in the lineup while infield cousins Eddie and Tony Mason have come up with a number of key hits.

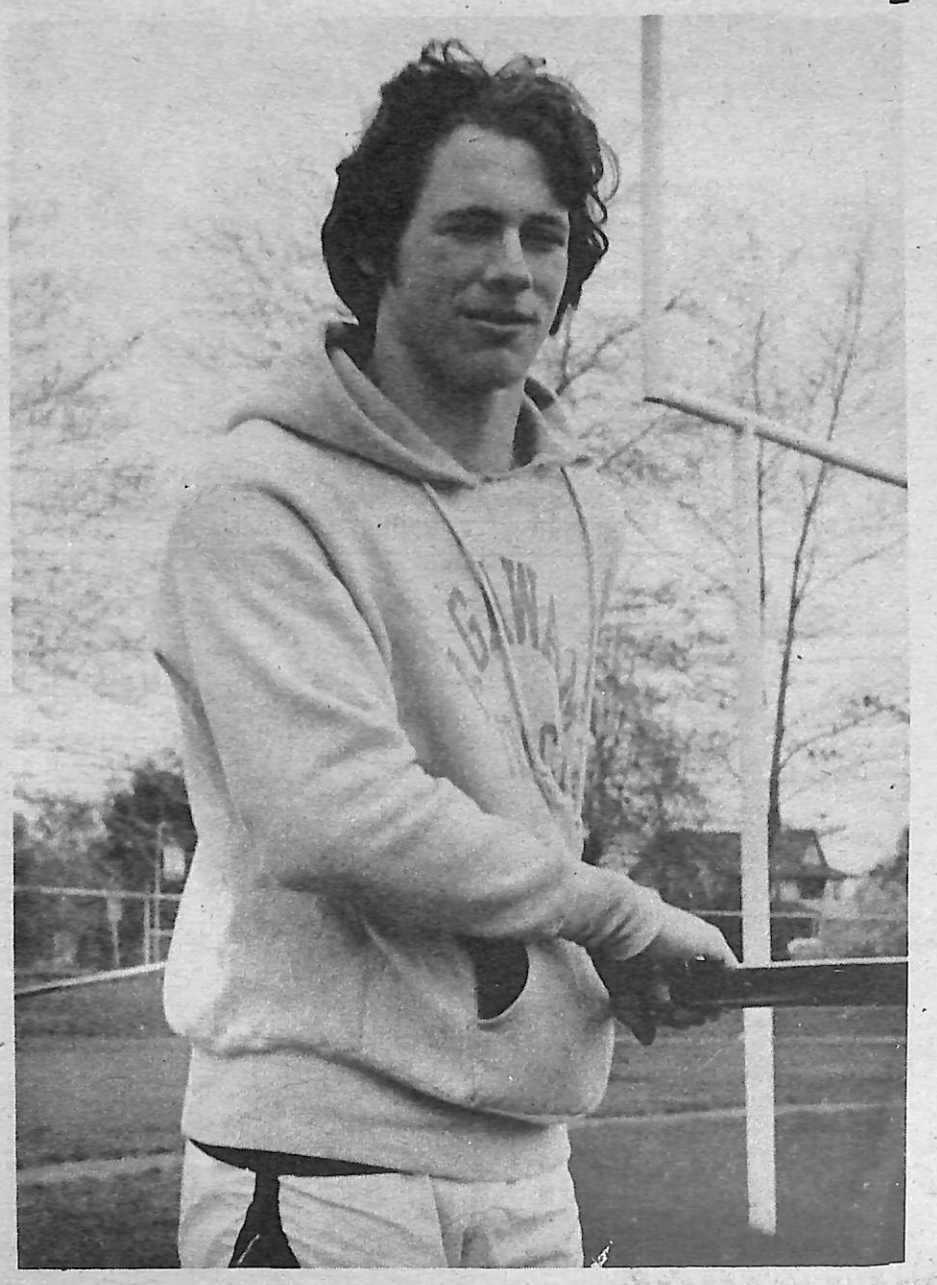
Pitching Rotation

Besides Mercandante in the pitching rotation, Agawam Sports junior Scott Morrisson and Sophomore John Brown who have given steady performances for the Brownies and for Fitzgerald.

Remaining members of the Valley Wheel frontrunners include Mike Balboni, Pete Bonavita, Mark Faucette, John Marmo, Jeff Nelsen and Fred Perry.

All JV games are played at Phelps Field in Agawam on the same afternoons the Agawam varsity play home contests. Game time for the JV's is 3:15.

Mason Looking Forward To Tourney



Matty Mason

If Agawam High track star Matty Mason appears anxious about the upcoming Valley Wheel Track Tournament, he has good reason.

The annual league competition will be held at Harmon Smith Field Saturday, May 24.

To Mason's delight, he will have familiar surroundings and an added confidence in his favor to begin defense of his Western Mass. Division II polevault title.

"I am really looking forward to the Wheel meet," Mason said. "I think the polevault is my best chance to win the whole thing this year."

What Matty means by "taking the whole thing" is that he hopes to grab the polevaulting championship for all of Western Mass., instead of just Division II.

"I finished sixth last year overall, and I hope to improve on that," Mason reported. "I'll need a good 12-6 or 12-10 jump".

The Brownies fine senior trackster came into his own last spring as a junior. Mason led Agawam in scoring by combining his polevaulting talents with a pair of running events in the 100 yard dash and 180 yard low hurdles.

Matty captured a Division II bronze medal in the hurdles and a fourth place ribbon in the 100 at last year's Western Mass. meet.

This season has spelled more of the same success for tracks 1975 captain. He currently ranks second on the team in scoring to junior Phil Losito, although Matty's point output is much higher this spring.

"The highlight of the season so far was beating (John) Pezza in the hurdles in Longmeadow. It was a great feeling." Mason unseated the Lancers fine low-hurdler as the league's best in a May 8 encounter where Agawam lost 81-64.

"We stand at 4-5 overall but I think we've had some tough breaks this season which have hurt us," Mason remarked.

Along with four seasons of track, Matty has played 3 falls of varsity football and two of wrestling to his credit.

During his three seasons on the gridiron, one game each year had special meaning for Matty and his entire family. Each fall Agawam encountered Springfield Tech, and Matty's father Ed Mason viewed the contest on the opposing sidelines as Tech's head coach.

"I've always had mixed feelings about it, Matty commented. "I couldn't let the team down but I didn't enjoy those games too much. The good thing about my father and me is that we always left football on the field."

Although Mason's high school life evolves around his three seasons of sports, he still holds a solid 'B' average academically.

One of his main interests outside the sports realm is centered on electronics. "I like fixing tv's and fooling around with experiments," the likable senior explained.

Next fall Matty plans to attend the University of Mass. to pursue wrestling, track and electronics.

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LAST WEEK'S RESULTS
Royals 8, Mets 4.
Dodgers 6, Yanks 2.
Senators 20, Astros 6.
A's 7, Braves 1.
Dodgers 11, Twins 8.
Colt 4, Yanks 2.

GAMES THIS WEEK
Mon. Braves-Royals
Mon. Mets-Twins
Tues. Dodgers-Senators
Tues. Colts-Astros
Thurs. A's-Yanks
Fri. Royals-Astros

MAKE-UP GAME
Friday — Colts-Twins

GIRLS 7-9 League Standings

Wildcats	1-0
Beavers	0-1
Hot Shots	1-0
Cardinals	0-1

GIRLS 10-12 League Standings

Agawam "A"	0-0
Sluggers	0-1
Sabres	1-0

BOYS 12-14 Standings May 10

	W	L	GB
Athletics	3	0	
Royals	2	1	½
Braves	1	1	1
Yankees	1	2	1½
Brewers	0	1	2
Dodgers	0	2	3

BOYS 8-10 Standings May 10

AMERICAN DIVISION

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Colts	2	0	1.000	
Dodgers	2	1	.666	½
Royals	1	1	.500	1
Twins	1	1	.500	1
Yanks	0	3	.000	2½

NATIONAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct.	GB
A's	2	0	1.000	
Senators	2	0	1.000	
Braves	1	1	.500	1
Astros	0	2	.000	2
Mets	0	2	.000	2

AHA Tag Sale Sunday

A tag sale sponsored by the Agawam Hockey Parents Association will be held Sunday, May 18 at the Food Mart on Springfield Street from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Hockey Association is composed of the parents of junior varsity and varsity hockey players. The purpose of the tag sale, and other money raising projects held by the association, is to keep scholarship funds available for students who continue their education after graduation from high school.

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